

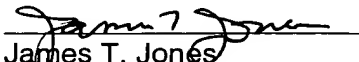
Claim to priority

Applicants hereby claim priority to all prior applications in the lineage of this application. Specifically, Applicants claim priority to parent US Application No. 09/131,019 which was filed on August 7, 1998, and to US Provisional Application No. 60/055,221, filed August 11, 1997.

A Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

The following paragraph has been inserted immediately following the title:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/131,019 which was filed on August 7, 1998, and which claimed priority under 35 USC 119(e) to US Provisional Application No. 60/055,221, filed August 11, 1997.